

[1st August 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Assistant Registrar were examined in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). After consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case the appointment was, however, regularized with effect from 24.1.97 with the approval of DoPT.

Categories of Freedom Fighters

1115. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that freedom fighters are divided in various categories, if so, the details thereof together with the reasons for creating various categories;

(b) whether all the freedom fighters are not treated at par while giving them pension, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Union Government are considering to include all the freedom fighters in only one category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Broadly, three categories of freedom fighters have been sanctioned pension as per details given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The nature of sufferings of each category differs and the number of pensioners in category (1) and (2) is very small. At present the Government is sanctioning pension at the rate of Rs. 3000/- per month plus dearness Relief to all the freedom fighters under the Swantantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980.

Statement*Categories of Freedom Fighters*

S.No	Category	Number of Pensions Sanctioned till 30.6.2001	Amount of Pension per month	Eligibility conditions
1.	Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners	285	Rs. 4000/-	Ex-Andaman Political Prisoners who suffered imprisonment in Cellular Jail in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
2.	Freedom Fighters who suffered imprisonment in Jails outside British India (other than INA)	8	Rs. 3500/-	Trial held in India and deportation to Jails outside British India irrespective of period of suffering.
3.	Freedom granted pension under Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme 1972/ 1980 including INA	1,64,188	Rs. 3000/-	6 months and more Jail/ internment / externment / underground suffering etc.

Amendment to Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 1971

1116. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend the Foreigners (Report to Police) Order, 1971, making it more suitable to the internal security of the country;

(b) whether the proposed amendment would check the illegal migration and over-stay cases of Pakistanis and Bangladeshis; and

(c) by when such amendments are likely to be issued?